

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

I. The Status of All Claims

Claims 1-10 are pending in this application. Claims 1-6 stand rejected. Claims 1 and 4 are independent claims. This amendment add new dependent claims 7-10. The specification fully supports new claims 7-10. Therefore, this amendment adds no new matter.

II. The Rejections of Claims 1-6 Under 35 USC 103(a) as Obvious Based Upon USP 5,539,807 to Ghisler et al.

A. Claim 1 - “allocating a connection number... to said mobile network subscriber”

Claim 1 recites:

A method for administering a function of a service, comprising the steps of:

accepting a request for administration of said function via a mobile network terminal device of a mobile network subscriber;
identifying said mobile network subscriber;
instructing, following a successful identification, said mobile network subscriber that said service should now be informed of a *connection number of a fixed network terminal device* for said administration of said function;
allocating a connection number communicated after instructing said mobile network subscriber *to said mobile network subscriber*; and
controlling a handling of a call initiated from said fixed network terminal device via said service, said *call being allocated to said mobile network subscriber with assistance of said connection number* of said fixed network, dependent on a profile of said mobile network subscriber. [Claim 1; emphasis added]

The recitation of claim 1 is supported, for example, by the following passage from the specification of this application at page 3 lines 16-27, which states that:

The subscriber selects an FMC service access code at the mobile telephone GSM. The access request is potentially forwarded to the FMC service across network boundaries (here, from a mobile network PLMN via a digital fixed network PSTN). The FMC service automatically identifies the subscriber on the basis of the subscriber's mobile radiotelephone number MSISDN. The FMC service responds by initiating that the *subscriber should now inform the service of a connection number of a fixed network terminal device*. Via voice or DTMF input, the *subscriber enters the CallingLineldentity of the fixed network*

terminal device that he would like to use at his own expense for outgoing calls or other line-switched services (for example, data transmission) for a definable time duration or, respectively, until an explicit deregistration. The FMC service subsequently registers the terminal device and assigns it to the subscriber. [Specification at page 3 lines 16-27; emphasis added.]

Thus, the description of this exemplary embodiment discloses that the subscriber informs the FMC service of the connection number of a fixed terminal device and that the FMC service registers the terminal device and assigns it to the subscriber.

The recitation of claim 1 is further supported, for example, by the following passage from the specification of this application at page 4 lines 19-21, which states that:

The FMC service subscriber can also use the registered fixed network terminal device for subsequent calls in the same way without requiring a separate PIN, namely until a de-registration takes place. [Specification at page 4 lines 19-21]

Thus, the description of this exemplary embodiment discloses that a subscriber may access a registered terminal device multiple times in succession without having to re-supply a PIN each time.

Therefore, one of ordinary skill in the art would recognize that the claim 1 recitation "...allocating a connection number communicated after instructing said mobile network subscriber to said mobile network subscriber...said call being allocated to said mobile network subscriber with assistance of said connection number..." is illustrated by the exemplary method disclosed above where a subscriber is assigned a fixed network device identified by a connection number and where the terminal device is registered to that subscriber exclusively, thereby eliminating the requirement that the subscriber supply a PIN on subsequent calls.

In contrast to the method defined by the recitation of claim 1, Ghisler discloses at column 4 line 53-65 that:

When using the present invention one pushes a predetermined key, e.g. 9, on the key pad of the mobile telephone and directs at the same time the bar code reader towards the bar code label of the wirebound telephone, which is desired to be used. The automatic service according to the invention calls the wirebound telephone and when the telephone handset is lifted *a voice asks for the secret code. This code is entered on the key pad of the wirebound telephone and if the code is correct a dialing tone is received*, because the automatic service has assigned a line. On the key pad of the wirebound telephone the number of the telephone desired to be called can now be entered. After the call is finished the

automatic service charges the cost to the wirebound subscription of the mobile subscriber. [Ghisler at column 4 lines 53-65; emphasis added.]

Therefore, it is clear that the system disclosed by Ghisler requires that the user enter a “secret code,” e.g., a PIN, each and every time the user makes a call on the “wirebound telephone.” One of ordinary skill in the art would recognize that Ghisler’s “secret code” is not the claimed “connection number,” because the “secret code” does not identify a *connection*. Rather, the Ghisler’s “secret code” identifies the *user*.

Therefore, Ghisler does not disclose or suggest “...allocating a connection number communicated after instructing said mobile network subscriber to said mobile network subscriber...said call being allocated to said mobile network subscriber with assistance of said connection number...,” as recited in claim 1 and disclosed by the applicant’s specification. Therefore, claim 1 patentably defines over Ghisler. Therefore, the applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of claim 1 under 37 CFR 103(a) over Ghisler is improper and should be withdrawn.

B. Claims 2, 3, 7, and 8 - Dependency On an Allowable Claim

Claims 2, 3, 7, and 8 depend from independent claim 1. Therefore, claims 2, 3, 7, and 8 patentably define over Ghisler for at least the reasons given above for claim 1. Therefore, the applicant respectfully submits that the rejections of claims 2 and 3 under 37 CFR 103(a) over Ghisler are improper and should be withdrawn.

C. Claim 4 - “means for allocating a connection number...to said mobile network subscriber”

Claim 4 recites:

4. A service logic for control of a service, comprising:
 - means for accepting a request for administering a function of said service via a mobile network terminal device of a mobile network subscriber;
 - means for subsequently identifying said mobile network subscriber;
 - means for instructing, following a successful identification, said mobile network subscriber that it should now be informed of a connection number of a fixed network terminal device for the administration of said function;
 - means for allocating a connection number communicated after instructing said mobile network subscriber to said mobile network subscriber; and*
 - means for controlling a handling of a call initiated from said fixed network terminal device via said service, *said call being allocated to said mobile*

network subscriber with assistance of said connection number of said fixed network, dependent on a profile of said mobile network subscriber. [Claim 4; emphasis added.]

Therefore, claim 4 patentably define over Ghisler for at least the reasons given above for claim 1. Therefore, the applicant respectfully submits that the rejections of claim 4 under 37 CFR 103(a) over Ghisler is improper and should be withdrawn.

D. Claims 5, 6, 9, and 10 - Dependency On an Allowable Claim

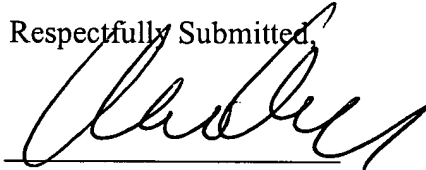
Claims 5, 6, 9, and 10 depend from independent claim 4. Therefore, claims 5, 6, 9, and 10 patentably define over Ghisler for at least the reasons given above for claim 4. Therefore, the applicant respectfully submits that the rejections of claims 5 and 6 under 37 CFR 103(a) over Ghisler are improper and should be withdrawn.

VII. Closure

Should the examiner have any questions, he is urged to contact the undersigned at 703-415-0012.

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